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Former Police Chief Charged With State Tax Crimes

Douglas H. Pettit of Oregon, Wisconsin, was charged Tuesday in Dane County Circuit Court with two counts of filing false or fraudulent Wisconsin income tax returns.

According to the [criminal complaint](#), Pettit filed Wisconsin income tax returns for 2010, 2011 and 2012. An investigation by the Wisconsin Department of Revenue and Wisconsin Department of Justice determined that Pettit earned more income than he reported on his tax returns.

The complaint alleges that Pettit did not report income received from providing security services at various Oregon businesses. During a three year period, Pettit allegedly understated his income by \$43,083. As a result, Pettit underpaid his Wisconsin income taxes by \$2,946.

Pettit is required to appear in circuit court on December 29, 2014.

Filing a false or fraudulent tax return is a felony under Wisconsin law. If convicted on both counts, Pettit could face up to 12 years in prison and \$20,000 in fines, or both.

Assistant Attorney General Donald V. Latorraca is representing the State of Wisconsin in this case.

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